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A low, rambling cottage. Quaint
porticos nearly covered with climbing
roses, and a long piazza shaded with
English ivy, gave a cool, inviting look
to this little home. From one of the
piazza columns and a giant "pepper"
tree a few feet away swung a gay
hammock. Half reclining in this was
a young girl—a sparkling, dark-eyed
brunette such as one often meets with
in the sunny south. One elbow rested
carelessly on an open magazine, while
a fan of embroidery and a palm leaf
fan lay at her feet. Her eyes were
absently fixed on the stately mansion
which could be seen through the
intervening orchard.

"What a pity it is Mr. Browning is
such a confirmed bachelor!" mused
she. "If he would marry some nice
young person, how much comfort we
might take with her. His sister told
me herself not long since that she
wished John would marry. Then she
could go to her daughter in Chicago."
Here Miss Lou bestowed a very
disapproving frown upon the aforesaid
mansion. Evidently its owner's short-
comings did not disturb its equanimity.
It never flinched.

Lou's face cleared, and she sat
erect.
"I have it!" she exclaimed half
aloud. "Cousin Jean! She's the very
one for him! I will invite her up to
spend a few weeks with us, and if her
blue eyes do not melt his heart, I
shall conclude it is made of stone.
We'll have him to tea often while she
is here. I will get up a canon picnic
in their honor. It will be a fine
match for Jean, and I shall take a
great deal of credit to myself for
having brought it about."

The magazine fell to the ground.
The hammock gave a backward lurch,
and Lou was half way up the steps,
stopping to pick a rose as she passed.
"Mamma, mamma! Where are you?"
she called, as a hasty glance showed
the little parlor and cozy sitting-room
opening from it to be without an occu-
pant. "Hop Lee," she called to the
sneering Celestial who was at work
among the orange trees "do you know
where Mrs. Gilday is?"

"Gone see Missy Dake," replied
Hop Lee, with a shake of his head
toward the neighboring mansion.
Lou returned to the parlor.
"Mother and Mrs. Dake seem to
have become quite intimate of late,"
she thought. "Mrs. Dake was here
yesterday. Perhaps mamma wouldn't
be pleased to have Mr. Browning
marry and his sister go home. I will
not say anything to her of that
brilliant idea of mine. They will be
pleased, however, to have Cousin Jean
here for a visit, so I'll write to her at
once."

A dainty, perfumed envelope,
addressed in flowing characters, soon
lay upon the hat-rack in the hall.
The side door opened, and Mrs.
Gilday entered. She was a perfect
example of the traditional widow de-
scribed as "fat, fair and forty." One
looking at her sweet face and shining
bands of brown hair would hardly
suspect how tragical had been her
married life. At fifteen a bride, at
twenty a widow. How much of sor-
row, suffering and humiliation had
been crowded into that brief time it
would be hard to estimate.

Only once had Lou ventured to ask
of her father. She had not forgotten
the look which came over her mother's
face.

"He died when you were a baby,
dear," was all she said.
Years after Lou heard from an old
nurse who visited them that her father
was a gambling Frenchman who had
spent most of her mother's fortune
and died from an overdose of opium.
Ever after the words "gambler" and
"opium eater" held a direful meaning
for Lou.

Ever since she could remember they
had lived in this pretty cottage at
Glen Park. Her mother had given
music lessons and superintended the
care of the orange and lemon
orchards. Two years previous, in
"boom times," part of their small
ranch had been sold to John Browning
for a sum which placed them beyond
the possibility of pinching poverty.

"Bou jour, mamma!" cried Lou,
gayly, as her mother entered. "You
look as young and blooming as a girl
of sixteen. Some one inquired the
other day if we were sisters, and ne-
thinks I shall soon be asked if you are
my daughter! You needn't blush! It
reminds me of my own inability in
that line. I do not waste any nerve
force in that way since I have dis-
covered that my blushes do not appear
through my swarthy skin."

Mrs. Gilday smiled at Lou's non-
sense.

"Have you been writing?" she in-
quired. "I notice your desk is open."
"Yes, to Cousin Jean; asked her if
she could come out for a visit. She
must be dreadfully tired of sewing.
It will do her good to take a vacation.
Don't you think so mamma?"

"Yes, certainly. I had thought of
getting her to sew for us after a bit,
but she shall have her visit first—that
is if she can so arrange it."

The fates seemed to favor Lou's
little scheme. Cousin Jean wrote—
"What a kind-hearted little person
you are! I am tired of sewing. The
heat seems more oppressive than
usual. Shall be only too glad to ac-
cept your invitation."

About this time Mr. Browning gave
up his daily trips to the city and took
to making frequent calls at Mrs.
Gilday's cottage. They were all busi-
ness calls. A letter to deliver; some
inquiry in regard to packing oranges
or irrigating his flower beds. Mrs.
Gilday was authority on such subjects.
Or perhaps Mrs. Drake sent com-
pliments, and would they all come over
to tea that evening?"

Lou noted with great complacency
that he never seemed in any haste to
terminate these calls. On one occa-
sion he lingered all the afternoon
when he had merely "dropped in to
borrow Mrs. Gilday's pruning shears."
Surely Cousin Jean's blue eyes and
pretty, quiet ways were producing the
desired effect.

There was another affair which
seemed to require a share of Lou's
notice at this time. The attentions
of a certain young man with a tiny
black mustache and an aggressive
pompadour arrangement of the hair,
whose name was Frank Evans, were
evidently becoming somewhat too pro-
nounced. He and Lou had been to
school together, carried their dinner in
the same basket, and quarrelled as to
who should take the basket home
again. Later on he had escorted her
to parties, picnics and other merry-
makings. She still exercised the
sisterly right, which she had always
claimed, of telling him her opinion of
his actions. So now, when he took to
lingering on the pleasant portico in
the early mornings when she knew he
had started for his father's office, she
showed her disapproval, and on one
occasion told him plainly that he
"ought to be at work."

He started on, laughingly protest-
ing, while after his departure Cousin
Jean said, deprecatingly,—
"Now, Lou, that was too bad to

drive him off in that way. What
would your mother say if she had
heard it?"

"Haven't any idea," replied Lou,
carelessly. "It's the truth I told him.
He is not rich, and he ought to be at
work instead of dawdling his morning
away here." To herself she added,
"I hope he isn't going to get spoo-
ney; that will spoil him entirely. He is
nice enough to take one around, but
when I marry it will be—"

And she was lost in a reverie in which a tall,
fair-haired hero with a military bearing
was metaphorically dying to have
her accept his name and fortune.

The weeks sped by, each filled with
an unusual number of drives, six
o'clock teas, and afternoon tennis
parties. Lou was very busy in these
days. The frequent *tele-a-letes* enjoyed
by Jean and John Browning were
brought about by the tact of our
enterprising heroine.

Cousin Jean had announced that
she should return to the city the
following week. The long talked of
canon picnic was arranged for the
Thursday previous to her departure.
The day, like its predecessors,
dawned calm and cloudless. The oc-
cupants of mansion and cottage were
aspirant at an early hour. Everybody
was going. At half-past nine, phaetons,
backboards and lumber wagons, filled
with young and old, all in gay spirits,
could be seen winding their way down
past the park, up through Mountain
avenue bordered with the stately
eucalyptus, on, up and up, now winding
around a foothill, now ascending a
steep precipice, where the men were
obliged to alight to lessen the load.

At last the canon was entered and
the Canon House reached. Here the
horses were tied, and the party began
explorations for a suitable place for
dining. After that most important
feature of a picnic was over, the
younger members of the party de-
clared their intention of pushing on
to the falls, half a mile farther up the
canon. To Lou's disappointment,
John Browning contented himself among
those who were "too old for such a
scramble."

Lou, Frank Evans and Cousin Jean
started on as leaders of the party. The
two former were quite accustomed to
mountain climbs, but Jean was not,
and before half the distance was ac-
complished seated herself on a large
rock, declaring that "she could not
take another step." Frank gallantly
offered to keep her company while the
rest went on.

Lou clambered on, distancing the
others. When the stragglers overtook
her they said that Frank and Jean had
decided to come on; so on their re-
turn Lou turned aside behind a pro-
jecting rock, thinking to wait for them.
Soon she heard their voices, but did
not at once retrace her steps to join
them. Just then she heard Frank say:

"I have loved you, Miss Jean, ever
since you were here a year ago."

"Bless my ears!" exclaimed Lou to
herself. "Is that possible?"

Of Jean's reply she only caught the
word, "Lou."

"Nonsense!" said Frank. "I have
only a brotherly interest in her."
"My sentiments, too," thought Lou.
"Shall I rush out? No, that will only
startle them. It will be embarrassing
enough for Jean to have to refuse him."

But the next words she heard were
a double surprise. Jean had accepted
Mr. Evans.

"How can she think of him?"
groaned Lou. "He is not to be com-
pared to Mr. Browning. Young, poor
and such a tiny mustache! Poor Mr.
Browning! What will he do now?
Such a nice man, too!"

With these and similar reflections,
Lou left her mosses on the stones
where they had fallen from her hands
and hastily emerged from behind the
rock. Frank and Jean had passed on,
utterly oblivious of everything but
themselves. Lou hastened on, joining
the party she had left a few moments
before.

That evening, to Lou's surprise,
John Browning stopped to tea with
them. After that was over he saun-
tered out to the piazza to enjoy the
moonlight and a cigar. Cousin Jean
excused herself on the plea of "pack-
ing," and went to her chamber.

Mrs. Gilday and Lou remained in
the drawing room to unpack the ham-
pers and set things to rights.

"I am—quite pleased—and sur-
prised."

Here Lou dropped into a chair and
began to laugh hysterically.
"What a matchmaker I am, to be
sure!" she thought. Then she ex-
claimed aloud—
"Mother, I have found my vocation
—the management of a Matrimonial
Bureau!"

THE THREE WARNINGS.

It was in the days of our grand-
mothers, when there were brick ovens
in the land, that Mr. Hubbard bought
his house; and bought it very much
against his wife's will. It was a lonely
house and reported to be haunted. It
was next to the graveyard, which,
though unused, was not cheerful, and
which had likewise the reputation of a
ghost. However Mr. Hubbard did not
believe in ghosts, and was too cheerful
to be depressed by warnings, and
never intended to be lonely.

"Mrs. Hubbard," he said, when his
wife shook her head over the purchase,
"I got it cheap, and it is a good one.
You will like it when you get there.
If you don't why then talk."

So the house was bought, and into
it the family went. There was scarcely
a chance for a ghost to show his face
amid such a family of boys and girls.
Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard counted ten of
them and noisy ones.

Having expostulated and spoken out
her mind as to the house, Mrs. Hub-
bard gave up the point. She scrubbed
and scoured, tacked down carpets and
put up curtains, and owned that it was
pretty. As not a ghost appeared for
a week, she made up her mind that
there were no such inhabitants; she
even began not to mind the tomb-
stones. So the house got to rights at
last, and baking day came about. In
the press of business, they had a great
deal of baker's bread, and were now
tired of it.

Mrs. Hubbard never enjoyed setting
a batch of bread to rise as she did
that which was to be eaten for the
first time in the new house.

"For I can not get up an appetite
for stuff that nobody knows who had
the making of," said Mrs. Hubbard,
"and puffy and almy besides."

So into the oven went the bread,
and out it came at the proper time,
even and brown and beautiful as
loaves could be. Mrs. Hubbard turned
them up on their sides as she drew
them forth, and they stood in the long
breadtray, glorious proofs of her skill
and the excellence of the oven, when
Tommy Hubbard bounded in. Tom-
my was four; and when at that age
we are prone to believe that anything
will bear our weight. Tommy, there-
fore, anxious to inspect the newly
made bread, swung himself off his
feet by clutching the edge of the
bread tray, and over it came, loaves
and Tommy and all.

Mrs. Hubbard flew to the rescue and
picked up the loaves. All were dusted
and put in the tray again but one.
That lay bottom upwards under the
table.

"A bothering child, to give me so
much trouble!" she said, as she
crowded under the table to get it.
"A—O—ah dear, dear, dear, dear—
oh my!"

And there on the floor sat Mrs.
Hubbard, screaming, wringing her
hands and shaking her head. The
children screamed in concert. Mr.
Hubbard rushed in from the garden
where he was at work.

"What's the matter, mother?" he
gasped.

Mrs. Hubbard pointed to the bot-
tom of the loaf lying in her lap.

"Look there and see!" she said, "it
is a warning, William; I am going to
be taken from them all."

And he looked; and he saw a
death's head and cross-bones, as
plainly engraved as they possibly
could be.

"It's an accident," said Mr. Hub-
bard. "Such queer pranks do come,
you know."

But Mrs. Hubbard was in a troubled
state of mind, as was but natural.

"The stories about the haunted
house were true," she said; "and the
spirits have marked the loaf. I am
afraid it is a warning."

And the loaf was put aside, for
even Mr. Hubbard did not dare to
eat any of it.

Mrs. Hubbard got over her fright
at last, but the news of the awfully
marked loaf spread through R—
and the people came to Hubbard's all
the week to look at it. It was a
death's head and cross-bones certainly;
every one saw that at a glance, but as
to its meaning, people differed. Some
believed that it was a warning of ap-
proaching death; some thought that
the spirits wanted to frighten the
Hubbards away, and get possession
of the house again all to themselves.

This latter supposition inspired Mrs.
Hubbard with courage; finally, being
a brave woman, she adopted the be-
lief, and when another baking arrived,
put her loaves in the oven, once more
prepared for cross bones, and not to

be frightened by them. The loaves
baked as before. They came out
brown and crusty, as Mrs. Hubbard
turned each in her hands. There were
no cross-bones visible, but on the last
were sundry characters or letters.
What, no one could tell, until there
dropped in for a chat a certain printer
in the neighborhood, used to reading
things backward.

"By George," said he, "that is curi-
ous. That is curious—res-u-r-ga-m
resurgam;—that is what is on the
loaf, resurgam."

"It is what they put on tombs,
isn't it?" asked poor Mrs. Hubbard,
faintly.

"Well, yes," said Mr. Hubbard, be-
ing obliged to admit it. "But it is
not so bad as cross-bones and
skulls."

Mrs. Hubbard shook her head.
"It's even sadder," said the little
woman, who was not as good a
linguist as a bread-maker. I feel
confident, William, that I shall soon
be resurgam, and what will those
dear little children do then?"

And now the second loaf was before
her, marked even more awfully than
the first. Mrs. Hubbard grew really
pale and thin and lost all her cheer-
fulness.

"I have a presentiment," she said
over and over again, "that the third
baking will decide who the warning
belongs to; I believe it is meant for
me, and time will show. Don't you
see how thin I am growing?"

And though Mr. Hubbard laughed,
he also began to be troubled. The
third baking day was one of gloom.
Solemnly, as at a funeral, the family
assembled to assist the drawing. Five
loaves came out markless; but one re-
mained.

Mrs. Hubbard's hand trembled;
but she drew it forth; she laid it on
the tray; she turned it softly about.
At last she exposed the lower surface.
On it were letters printed backward,
plain enough to read this time, and
arranged thus:

"Died April 2nd,
lamented by
her large family."

"It is me," cried Mrs. Hubbard, "I
am to go to-morrow. This is the
first. I do feel faint. Yes I do. It
is awful, and so sudden."

And Mrs. Hubbard fainted away in
the arms of the most terrified of men
and husbands.

The children screamed, the cat
mewed, the dog barked. The oldest
boy ran for the doctor. People
flocked to the Hubbards'. The loaf
was examined. Yes there was Mrs.
Hubbard's warning—her call to quit
this world.

She lay in bed, bidding good-bye
to her family and friends, her
strength going fast. She read her
Bible, tried not to grieve too much.
The clergyman prayed with her.
Nobody doubted her end was at hand,
for people were very superstitious in
those days.

They had been up all night with
good Mrs. Hubbard, and dawn was
breaking and with it she was sure
she must go, when clattering over
the road and up to the door came a
horse, and on the horse came a man,
who alighted. He rattled at the
knocker and rushed in. Up the
stairs he went to Mrs. Hubbard's
room, and bolted into it.

Every one stared at him as he
took off his hat.

"Pardoning," said he, breathlessly, "I
heard Mrs. Hubbard was a dying—
and she'd warnings on her bakings. I
came over to explain. You see I was
sexton of the church here a few years
ago, and I know all about it. You
needn't die for fear just yet, Mrs. Hub-
bard, for it is neither spirits nor devils
about, nor yet warnings. What marks
the loaves is old Mrs. Finkle's tomb
stone. I took it for an oven bottom,
seeing there were no survivors, and
bricks were dear. The last folks be-
fore you didn't get them printed off on
their loaves, because they used tins;
and we got used to the marks our-
selves. Cross-bones and skulls we
put up with, and never thought of car-
ing for the resurgam. So you see how
it is. I am sorry you've been scared."

Nobody said a word. The minister
shut his book. The doctor walked up
to the window. There was a deadly
silence. Mrs. Hubbard sat up in bed.

"William," said she to her husband,
"the first thing you do, get a new bot-
tom to that oven."

And the tone assured the assemblage
of anxious friends that Mrs. Hubbard
was not going to die just yet.

Indeed, she came down the very
next day. And when the oven had
been reconstructed, the first thing
she did was to give invitation for a
large tea drinking on which oc-
casion the loaves came out right.

The Camel in War.

The camel is a good soldier.
It may be stupidity and it may be
bravery, but a camel is as steady under
fire as a tower. The Persians mounted
small cannon on the backs of their

camels, and called them zambwahs or
"little wasps." This fashion was
adopted in India, and after the battle
of Sobraon 2,000 of these artillery
camels were captured. In the Indian
mutiny the British had a camel corps
of 150 beasts, and on the back of each
camel sat a Scotch Highlander in his
kilt. In 1845 Sir Charles Napier had
a camel corps in Sindh, and in one day
he marched 75 miles, defeated a bri-
gand chief and marched home again.
In 1878 the British used camels against
the Afghans and the government paid
for 50,000 camels that died in those
campaigns. Many of these were driven
to death by their owners, in order that
they might claim the government
bounty.—*Evening Wisconsin.*

A Story For Young Men.

A DISPATCH from Harrisburg, Wednesday morning, says: "Ex-Speaker Galusha A. Grow will be nominated by acclamation for Congressman-at-Large, to-day."

THE fire losses of 1893 were unprecedented; the marine losses also exceeded the record, and a number of insurance companies have suffered severely. All this might as well be charged to the Wilson bill, too.

P. E. J. PRENDERGAST, the villain who murdered Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago, has been adjudged guilty by a Chicago jury, and in due time he will be hanged—provided legal technicalities based upon the plea of insanity do not intervene to thwart the just decree.

THE action of the chemical manufacturing company of Ambler in recently requesting the resignation of employees who are in sympathy with the Wilson bill, was, to put it mildly, a most tyrannical procedure and is a potent indication that some employers do not recognize the rights of those whom they employ.

A CORRESPONDENT to the *Republican*, of Doylestown, rushes into print with a stock of jingling English to urge the importance of nominating one J. Pemberton Hutchinson, of Newtown, at the next Congressional convention in the 7th district, to succeed Mr. Wanger. The writer no doubt read the "early bird" story when he was a boy and has never forgotten its significance. However, there is some danger in being too premature, sometimes.

At this writing the delegates of last summer's Republican State Convention are reassembling at Harrisburg and on Wednesday, January 3, will nominate a candidate for Congressman-at-Large to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of General Lilly. Ex-Speaker Galusha A. Grow appears to be the most prominent candidate for the nomination. The Democratic State Convention will meet at Harrisburg on Wednesday, next week. The Republican and Democratic nominees for Congressman-at-Large will be voted for at the regular spring election next month.

THE whole history of the divisions of time and of the calendars of the months and days and their significance is one that might be taken up in the schools at this time with profit. Neither the Egyptian nor Greek calendars made January the first month, and the ancient Jewish year, beginning on the 25th of March and still observed, long continued to have a local position in Christian countries. Only for 140 years has the 1st of January been the beginning of the year in England. Russia has a year of its own, different from ours, and so has China, and the world even now is by no means unanimous as to when the year begins.

IT is becoming more and more apparent to a man up a tree or in a tower that the leaders of the Democratic party in Montgomery are not all on kissing terms with each other. Moreover there seems to be considerable disaffection among the rank and file, due in a measure to the belligerent attitude of the more prominent directors of party affairs. Unless there is greater concert of action and much less subjection of the general interests of the Democracy to the gratification of petty ambition, spite and vanity, and fewer swaggering airs due to an egotistic overestimate of political tact, the Republican majority next time will exceed that of last fall by several hundred votes. This seems to be the Democratic situation in Montgomery at present.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Decem. 29, 1893.

Recognizing the immensity of the task set for them by the Morgan resolution providing for a thorough investigation of the Hawaiian muddle the members of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations decided not to await the reassembling of Congress to begin the investigation. Accordingly the work was begun this week by the sub-committee previously designated, and if the present intention of examining every person who has been in a position to know anything of importance relating to the matter be carried out the investigation will not be concluded before the first of March, if so soon. There is some disappointment because of the decision of the committee to conduct the investigation secretly, but in arriving at that decision the committee has only followed precedent. Besides, the members of the committee believe that the knowledge that their testimony will not have to be given publicly will cause many individuals, both Hawaiians and Americans, to testify who otherwise would not do so. Members of the committee say that the investigation is to be divested of all partisanship and to be solely

devoted to getting at the truth. In view of the importance of this work I append the membership of the committee: Democrats—Morgan, of Alabama (Chairman); Butler, of S. C.; Gray, of Delaware; Turpie, of Ind.; and Daniel, of Virginia. Republicans—Sherman, of Ohio; Frye, of Maine; Dolph, of Oregon, and Davis, of Minnesota. The gentlemen named compose the sub-committee which is making the investigation.

Government receipts continue to fall below the expectations of Treasury officials, and it is now considered that the actual deficit at the close of the present fiscal year will greatly exceed the estimate of Secretary Carlisle \$28,000,000. That Congress will have to do something very soon to provide the money to meet the expenses of the government is apparent, but neither Senator nor Representatives seem to have a very clear idea of what that something shall be. Senator Voorhees, who as chairman of the Senate committee on Finance will have much to do with deciding, thinks that the proper thing is to give the Secretary of the Treasury authority to issue short time low interest bonds whenever the money is needed. Mr. Voorhees says this would not be conferring any new power on the Secretary of the Treasury; it would be merely changing the act for the resumption of specie payments which gives him authority to issue long term bonds at a rate of interest that would now be considered very high.

The fact that the bond of the present Public Printer will expire on the first of January is responsible for the belief that a new Public Printer will be appointed in a short time. It is stated that President Cleveland has tendered the appointment to two men and that it was declined by both of them, because neither of them was willing to promise the President that they would run the office on civil service reform principles, making neither removals nor appointments on political grounds. If President Cleveland insists upon getting that promise from the man appointed it will be very difficult for him to get a Democratic Public Printer, and if one is found to make the promise and it becomes known his confirmation by the Senate would be extremely doubtful.

Senator Chandler of New Hampshire proposes to offer a resolution as soon as Congress reassembles that would if farthured by Senator Stewart or some other silver Senator set the gold men by the ears. It will ask that the United States invite all the countries of the world to send delegates to a monetary conference, the invitation to contain a declaration of the United States that the purpose of the conference shall be the establishment and maintenance of an international ratio, with an additional declaration stating that if such a ratio cannot be agreed upon it will be the purpose of the United States to adopt a single standard, and that standard not gold, but silver. Senator Chandler believes that if the United States will take this radical stand it will result in forcing the gold standard countries of Europe to agree to a double standard. It is doubtful, however, whether such a resolution can be adopted in either Senate or House.

Representatives McMillan and Bryan, the sub-committee of the House Ways and Means Committee charged with preparing the internal revenue bill which is to raise the money to make up the deficit that is expected to follow the reductions made by the new tariff bill, have agreed upon a report to be made to the democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee. It is understood that the report will recommend a 2 per cent tax on incomes of \$4,000 and upwards; a tax upon personal property inheritances (rate undecided); a tax of \$1.50 per 1,000 on cigarettes, and of 6 cents a pack upon playing cards. They estimate that a bill in accordance with their recommendations would make a revenue of \$45,000,000.

The Tide Turning.

SEVERAL THOUSAND MEN GIVEN WORK BY THE STARTING OF MILLS.

PITTSBURG, January 2.—Nearly all of the iron and steel plants in and about Pittsburgh resumed operations to-day, giving employment to thousands of idle men. On the South Side Oliver's Tenth Street Mill, Sligo Mill, Clinton Mill, Jones & Laughlin's, A. M. Byers & Co. and Dilworth, Porter & Co. are all working. Instead of running on double turn at the Sligo plant, as first announced by the management, the works will be operated on a three-turn system. The system, although it reduces the earning of each individual, will enable the firm to give employment to a greater number of men. The Oliver & Roberts wire and rod mills did not start, owing to the inability to secure a sufficient quantity of steel, but will be ready for work Thursday. Carnegie's city mills resumed in some departments and others will be started before the close of the week.

SCRANTON, January 2.—The local calamity howlers were given a set-back to-day by an industrial boom, the North Steel Works in this city and the American Chair Works at Brandt resuming operations and the Scranton Axle Works announcing that they had just let a contract for a large increase of their plant, which will give employment to 100 men.

BETHLEHEM, January 2.—After an illness of six weeks the Bethlehem Iron Company's Steel Works resumed operations to-day. The mill will start up to-morrow. Both mills have

resumed in full blast, giving employment to eleven hundred workmen. A reduction in wages from 5 to 30 per cent, has been made.

ALLENTOWN, January 2.—Davis & Thomas' Springdale Foundry and Machine Works, at Catasauqua, will start on full time next week on a large contract for electric railway castings. They have reduced wages ten per cent, and it is said, accepted this work with no profit in view merely in order to keep their men employed. The contract will furnish work for about 100 men until next summer.

LEBANON, January 2.—The East Lebanon Rolling Mill, which was destroyed by fire several months ago, has been rebuilt, and to-morrow will start its works giving employment to about 100 men.

BUSINESS WAITING FOR CONGRESS.

From the Philadelphia Times.

We have gone through the valley of business despondency, and with the opening of the new year there is every prospect of revived commerce, industry and trade, if Congress shall promptly discharge its duty.

Business is waiting for Congress, and every business man who urges delay in the revision of the tariff and in the adoption of a sound financial policy simply urges the continuance of business depression, which always carries with it want to the laborer. Tariff revision is demanded by an overwhelming majority of the American people. In the two great national contests of 1890 and 1892 the people expressed themselves for tax reduction by tariff revision with unexampled emphasis. It is a command that must be obeyed. While tax reduction on the necessities of business and of life is an imperative necessity, the supply of revenue sufficient to meet the expenses of the government is a like necessity that Congress must respect, and the way to provide revenue is to do it by the manliest methods possible.

Stop fooling about an income tax. It will not pass both houses of Congress, however earnestly urged, and it would not pass the approval of the country. The party that goes back to an income tax in time of peace must become a suicide.

The short and easy way to supply most if not all, the revenue needed is to restore a tax of one cent per pound on refined sugar, with eight mills per pound on raw sugar and repeal the sugar bounty. We are now paying one-half cent per pound on refined sugar and over \$10,000,000 of bounty. The addition of a half a cent per pound and the repeal of the sugar bounty would give the Treasury nearly or entirely the amount of additional revenue needed without perceptibly increasing taxation upon the people.

No party can afford to dally with a bankrupt treasury, no matter what party or what cause may have produced it. The national credit is sacred and must be scrupulously maintained. The present treasury deficit is caused solely by the profligacy of the Republican party, but the faith of the government must be fulfilled, the expenditures must be met, and it is no grave task to adjust our tariff and internal revenue laws to supply all that is needed.

Above all let Congress bear in mind that business is waiting for its actions, and if there shall be delay in the restoration of business prosperity it must be because of wanton delay in Congress to enact the laws clearly demanded by the sovereign power of the nation.

SOLIDIFIED PETROLEUM.

The method of making fuel bricks of crude petroleum adopted by Engineer Maestracchi, of the Italian navy, is given as follows by the *Revue Scientifique*: The bricks are of similar form and size to the coal briquettes extensively used in France and Germany. The mixture is made in the proportion of 1 liter of petroleum, 10 per cent of resin, 150 grammes of powdered soap and 330 grammes of caustic soda. The mixture is heated and stirred at the same time; solidification begins in about ten minutes, and the operation must then be carefully watched. If there is a tendency to remain liquid, a little more soda is added. The mixture is stirred until the mass becomes nearly solid. The thick paste is then poured into the moulds, which are placed for ten or fifteen minutes in a drying stove. The briquettes are then colored and are ready for use in a few hours. Engineer Maestracchi recommends the addition of 20 per cent of wood sawdust and 20 per cent of clay or sand, which will make the briquettes cheaper and more solid. In trials made at Marseilles on several tugboats the petroleum briquettes furnished about three times as much heat as coal briquettes of the same size. They were burned in the ordinary boiler furnace without any special preparation, and gave out very little smoke, leaving also little or no ash. The advantages claimed for the petroleum briquettes for marine use are the absence of smoke and a large reduction in bulk of fuel which must be carried as compared with coal, while the risks attending the carrying of liquid fuel are avoided.

1,000 DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.

LONDON, December 31.—The central News has this dispatch from Madeira: "A thousand deaths from cholera have occurred at Tenerife, one of the Canary Islands, since the beginning of the outbreak. At present, the epidemic is subsiding rapidly. The officials have divided the island into quarantine districts and have vigorously enforced their sanitary measures. The streets have been washed with lime and residents and travelers have been constantly fumigated. Trade has been paralyzed as ships have avoided touching at the island."

Deafness Can't be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to the normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed but not a diseased condition of the mucous membrane. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that we cannot cure by taking HENRY'S CATARRH CURE, or by any other means. Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa., 70 cents.

THE LAW'S DELAY.

From the Chicago Post.

If punishment can be made to follow crime closely in Prendergast's case, why not in other cases? Murderer upon murderer is permitted to loaf in a cell in the county jail for months until witnesses disappear, or the prosecution loses keenness, or the jury can be prepared, or any one or another of those imaginable things can be done that have given the somber framework in the jail a five years' coat of dust.

A BAD YEAR FOR RAILROADS.

1893 seems to have been a bad year for railroads. If there is business depression or stagnation in trade no other great interest feels the effects more quickly. During 1893 investments in railroads aggregating over \$1,000,000,000 have gone in the hands of receivers. Receivers have been appointed for no less than seventy-one roads, representing 23,000 miles of track, with an outstanding bonded indebtedness of \$754,000,000, and capital stock aggregating \$554,000,000, making nearly \$1,300,000,000 of stocks and bonds in suspension from returns. Two of the great Western systems, the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific, along with the Reading and New England systems, are the principals to the great crashes of the year.

DIFFERENT.

From Texas Siftings.

"You ought to be very proud of your wife. She is a brilliant talker." "You're right there." "Why, I could listen to her all night." "I often do."

UNCLE SAM'S POSTMISTRESSES.

There are 6,335 postmistresses under the United States government, the largest number in any State, 463, being in Pennsylvania. There is one in Alaska. The oldest is Miss Martha E. Stone, of North Oxford, Mass., who has held her office 46 years.

MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN PERISHED.

HORRODSBURG, Ky., Dec. 29.—Thomas Ransdall, a well-to-do farmer living near Bohon, Ky., awoke early in the morning to find his home in flames. He jumped out of bed, carrying his baby with him, at the same time calling to his wife to wake their three children, who were sleeping upstairs. He went to follow his instructions, but the house collapsed and she and the three children perished.

104 AND 105 YEARS OLD.

Mrs. Sarah Farley Van Nostrand, probably the oldest person in New Jersey, died at her home in East Millstone on December 13, aged 105 years, 3 months and 10 days. Mrs. Van Nostrand retained full possession of her faculties to the very last, and her memory was remarkable.

HAZLETON, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Hetty Hinkle, the oldest inhabitant of Quakake Valley, died at Quakake today, aged 104. Up to one week ago Mrs. Hinkle had perfect use of all of her faculties. She could read without the aid of glasses.

MISTAKEN ZEAL.

A devoted (?) Salvation Army young woman won in London elected to go to jail for five days in lieu of the payment of a fine of 20s. imposed for the offense of singing in the street, after she had been requested to stop because of the illness of a lady in the neighborhood. The great trouble with hobbies and enthusiasms, even religious hobbies and enthusiasms, is that their possessors become blinded to every other standard of right and judgment. Were it not so, this wearer of the blue bonnet and red ribbon would have discovered that to have stopped even salvation singing which disturbed a suffering sister was in itself a kindly thing fitted to any creed.

A BOOM AT JOHNSTOWN.

JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 29.—The Cambria Iron Company has begun and is pushing the erection of a steel rail mill, the estimated cost of which will reach \$1,000,000. The foundation has been laid and part of the construction machinery is in position. The plant is intended to be one of the models of the world, equal, if not superior, to the steel rail plants at Sparrow's Point, Steelton and Braddock. There is a veritable boom in all the departments of the Greater Steel Works here. It is reported that the works are two months behind orders. It is at least certain that over a thousand men are working overtime, many making fifteen hours a day.

A CONTRARY PEOPLE.

From the Boston Home Journal.

The philosopher who said that "the present civilization is an exact inversion of progress" should have lived in the West where they do everything exactly the opposite of our customs, and incidentally claim to be the only civilized nation. According to this philosopher they certainly are, for here are a few of the things they do: Note first that the Chinese compass points to the south instead of the north.

The men wear shirts and the women trousers.

The men wear their hair long and the women wear it short.

The men carry on dressmaking and the women carry burdens.

The spoken language of China is not written, and the written language is not spoken.

Books are read backward, and what we call foot-notes are inserted on the top of the page.

The Chinese surname comes first instead of last.

The Chinese shake their own hands instead of the hands of those they would greet.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals and in mourning at weddings, while old women serve as bridesmaids.

A Tired Woman's Epitaph.

Here lies a poor woman who always was tired, Who lived in a house where help was not hired. Her last words on earth were: "Dear friends I am going Where washing ain't done, nor sweeping, nor sewing. But everything there is exact to my wishes. For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes. I'll be where loud anthems will always be ringing, But having no voice I'll get clear of the singing. Don't mourn for me now, nor don't mourn for me never, I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever."

INDUSTRIAL.

Superintendent Donnelly, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, at Easton, Thursday, said that the number of men who went on strike between Mauch Chunk and Jersey City was 978. Of those 756 have been re-employed. Of the 144 striking engineers 91 are back. Out of 171 firemen 108 are back. Nearly all the conductors and switchmen have been re-employed.

A DEEP BORING.

The deepest boring of which we have any knowledge up to the present time, says *Revue Scientifique*, is at Parvashowitz, in the district of Ribnik, in Western Silesia. The depth attained is 6,568 feet, and the diameter of the hole is only 2.75 in. The work has been temporarily stopped in order to lower especial thermometers, which have been made with great accuracy into the hole for the purpose of obtaining the temperature at different depths. The boring will then be resumed, and it is hoped that a depth of 8,200 feet will be reached.

CREMATED IN A WRECK.

KANSAS CITY, January 2.—Three men were killed, four seriously injured and a dozen more slightly hurt in a wreck on the Union Pacific Railroad, near Linwood, Kan., twenty-seven miles west of Kansas City, at 3.30 in the morning. The wreck was caused by a freight train on the Rock Island Railway, which uses the Union Pacific track between Kansas City and Topeka, running into the rear end of a mixed freight and passenger train of the Union Pacific.

Both trains were coming to Kansas City and were in motion when the accident occurred. They were a few minutes late and the Rock Island train was running fast to make up time. The Union Pacific train was near a tank west of Linwood and was slowing up when the other train crashed into it. As the Rock Island engine struck the Union Pacific train it mashed the caboose into splinters and crashed into the passengers coach, splitting it in the middle.

A car loaded with hogs was wrecked and a car loaded with cattle was broken open; the cattle escaped. The passengers not hurt began to save the injured ones. Four men were dragged from the wreck more dead than alive. Fire caught from the stove and the flames spread rapidly. Paint and piteous calls for help were heard, but the men who had been saved were powerless to aid the poor fellows and soon their cries ceased. The bodies of the men were burned to a crisp.

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Home Flashes and Sparks From Abroad.

The local politicians are whetting their battle-axes.

Our townsman Captain H. H. Fetterolf is attending the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg.

C. H. Detwiler, proprietor of the Royersford hotel, was in town Tuesday. He informed us that Samuel Rambo of near that place is suffering a severe attack of grip.

We are in receipt of attractive calendars from Prof. Brunner's Academy, North Wales, and from A. G. Elliot & Co., paper dealers, Philadelphia.

On Monday neighbor Bechtel opened his special bargain sale of furniture, to continue one month. In addition to a general reduction in price he is offering an additional discount of 10 per cent.

You can't tell what a man may do in a horse trade by the amount of noise he makes in church.—*Ram's Horn.*

There is good reason to believe that the general benevolence and charity are creating a class of loafers who ought to be made to work.—*Chicago Post.*

Charles B. Kelly, of Norristown, has purchased the general store of Louis Yetter, at Jeffersonville, for \$3200. He will take possession March 1.

Burgess Levi R. Shaffer, of Norristown, has declined to serve as a candidate for re-election. John H. Williams and William E. Perry are in the field.

Decker—Are you troubled with insomnia? Hecker—Oh, sometimes. Decker—Well, what do you do when you can't go to sleep? Hecker—I lie awake.—*Life.*

Daniel Fryer, of this township, Wm. A. Schultz, of Worcester, and one or two others, are about starting on a trip to Florida.

Jack Connors, aged 50, was killed by a Lehigh Valley freight engine at Tunkhannock Thursday night while walking on the track a few feet from the door of his home.

Samuel Delp, a farmer of Worcester, died last week of grip. He was 42 years of age, and leaves a wife and family.

Mrs. Charles Bobst and child are lying seriously ill at their home, 329 E. Airy street, Norristown, the result of eating canned corned beef.

Woman is a powerful weak creature, but she can move the biggest kind of a man, without touching him.—*Texas Siftings.*

The blossom has left the button-hole these influenza days and settled on the nose.—*Omaha Herald.*

Those persons residing at a distance, who desire a handsome lithograph, "bird's eye view" of Collegeville, Trappe, and vicinity, will please communicate to this office at once, as the number issued will be limited to the orders received. The price of the picture is \$1.50.

Deaths.

Sallie, wife of I. T. Miller, of Limerick, died early Sunday morning, of pneumonia, aged 37 years. Mrs. Miller was ill only a short time and her unexpected death is a severe shock to her family and friends. Deceased, who was Mr. Miller's third wife, leaves three children. The funeral will be held to-day (Thursday) at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment at Limerick Centre cemetery.

Mrs. Harry Bechtel died at her residence 1915 West Dauphin street, Philadelphia, Sunday morning, aged 57 years. About a week previous to her demise she was attacked with the grippe and a day or two later with erysipelas of the head and face. The deceased was a daughter-in-law of Mr. D. D. Bechtel, of this place, and a daughter of the late Philip Linderman, of Limerick. Her husband and two children survive. The remains will be brought here on the 9.03 train Thursday morning when service will be held in Trinity church, and interment made in cemetery connected with said church.

Charles W. Johnson died of pneumonia, at his residence in Limerick township, Saturday, December 30, 1893, aged 46 years. A wife and four children—three daughters and one son—survive to mourn the departure of a dear husband and father. A wide circle of relatives and friends deeply sympathize with the sorrowing ones. The funeral was held yesterday (Wednesday) at 1 o'clock p. m., at the services being conducted at St. Luke's church, Trappe, by Rev. E. Clark Hishman. Our departed friend was a regular correspondent to the INDEPENDENT for a number of years, and as a deserved tribute to his memory, we bear cheerful testimony to his sterling worth as an intelligent, progressive, high-minded and honorable citizen, ever aspiring to do right and to do good. He was an apt and forcible writer, and will be remembered as such by many of the readers of this paper. His whole life was an open book, for it was one of candor and honest frankness in purpose and deed, and the community in which he moved will miss him for many days and months and all will unite in expressing love and respect to his memory.

Jacob H. Landis, of Yerkes Station, died at the hospital for the Insane at Norristown, Monday, aged 70 years. Some time ago Mr. Landis was taken home from the hospital, but it became necessary to again remove him to the institution named. A review of the deceased's useful career, as a neighbor and citizen, was published in this paper some months ago when his clouded reasoning faculties caused his removal to the hospital. The funeral will be held Saturday next at 10 a. m. Interment at Dunkard cemetery, Skippack.

515 POUNDS.

John H. Longacre, of this township, slaughtered a large porker one day last week. Weight, dressed: 515 lbs.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

While returning from work early Friday evening John Kittenhouse, of Norristown, an old man, was struck by a train on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and received injuries that may result in his death.

PRIZE STORIES.

The American Humane Education Society of Boston, of which Geo. T. Angell, the famous advocate of kind treatment for animals is President, has issued two prize stories—"Hollyhust" and "Strike at Slane's," both of which will be mailed to any address upon the receipt of ten cents.

MATRIMONY.

The wedding of Rev. Frank H. Fisher, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Danville, and Miss Lillie G. Brunner, of Limerick, took place Wednesday afternoon of last week at the residence of the bride, Rev. J. V. George, of Reading, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. W. A. Brownmiller, of Limerick.

LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.

The Norristown Conference of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, comprising the counties of Bucks, Montgomery and Chester, held its first meeting at Lansdale in the Lutheran church Tuesday. The meeting was opened by Holy Communion and a sermon by the Rev. H. Peters, the retiring pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Norristown.

THE GRIPPE.

Like in this and other sections the grippe is prevailing to an alarming extent in New Hanover township. In nearly every family there are one or more cases, and a number of deaths have occurred. On Friday David Hoffman and wife, aged people, who had lived together in wedlock for over sixty-five years, and who died a short time apart of grippe, were buried in one grave.

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION.

Superintendent R. F. Hoffecker held an examination of public school pupils, candidates for graduation, in the Cherry Tree School house, Lower Providence, last Saturday. There were eighteen pupils in the class, of which number five were from this (Trappe Independent) district. This was the second of two examinations of the same class. The second will be held in April.

AN OLD HEN.

Wm. Free, of Valley Forge, lost a hen a few days ago that was just 12 years old. He had kept an accurate account of the eggs laid by this hen, which numbered 3000. He also kept an account of her feed and says the hen was in debt \$2.47 when she died. If he had killed her two years ago, the balance would have been on the other side of the account. Here is a pointer for poultry raisers. Don't allow your hens to live too long.

A BROKEN LEG.

Mrs. Peter Coleholder, residing near Yerkes, slipped and fell from a porch to the ground, a distance of a few feet, Saturday, and unfortunately sustained a fractured leg. The lady was unable to get into the house and was compelled to lie where she had fallen until a neighbor came to her assistance, her husband being away from home at the time. Dr. E. A. Krusen attended to the injury received.

THREW HOT FLAT IRONS.

The Baltimore American says:— "The servant girl problem has reached a point that threatens serious consequences, not to say a crisis, in family cabinets. A cook in New York, on being requested to leave, indignantly refused, and threatened her declaration that she liked the place by bombarding her mistress with hot flat irons. This is a striking instance of the irony of fate as exhibited in domestic rule."

HIS CONSCIENCE WORRIED HIM.

On Thanksgiving Eve, '93, a turkey was stolen from the yard of George Biggs, says the Lancaster Inquirer, it having been the intention of Mr. Briggs and his family to feast on the bird the next day. Saturday morning before Christmas, Mr. Briggs found the turkey restored to his yard and having a tag tied to it with this inscription: My conscience would not allow me to eat this turkey. It has gained four pounds and I hope you will enjoy your Christmas dinner."

THE SCHISLER COLLEGES.

Inquiry as to the growth of the Schisler College of Business the past year elicited the following facts: The enrollment at the present time is about six times as great as it was a year ago, and the entire number of pupils in attendance during the first three months of the current school year is somewhat greater than the number enrolled during the whole of last year. Recently good positions for no less than fifteen pupils have been secured by the excellent management of the Colleges at Norristown and Manayunk.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

Divine service at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and in the evening at 7.30 o'clock.

See the World's Fair for Fifteen Cents.

Upon receipts of your address and fifteen cents in postage stamps, we will mail you a copy of the Souvenir Portfolio of the World's Columbian Exposition; the regular price is fifty cents, but as we want you to have one, we make the price nominal. The portfolio contains a number of things to be prized. It contains full page views of the great buildings, with descriptions of the same, and is executed in highest style of art. If not satisfied with it, you get it, we will refund the stamps and let you keep the book. Address, H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., Chicago, Ill.

TOGETHER IN DEATH.

STRANGE FATALITY.

Last Friday two women were found by neighbors lying together dead at 809 Burns street, Philadelphia. The women were Mrs. Jane Sloan, aged 50, who resided at that number, and Mrs. Sarah Lavery, aged 30, of Tappan street. On Saturday Mrs. Lavery called on Mrs. Sloan, and as she had not returned inquiries were instituted by her sister. An autopsy made by the coroner's physicians shows that both deaths were the result of dropsy and Bright's disease.

BUFFALO GLUTEN FEED.

The Buffalo gluten feed is largely composed of the milk and flesh producing ingredients—protein and fat. The feed is made from corn by a process by which the starchy portions of the grain are eliminated. An analysis of the dry matter of gluten feed shows the presence of 11.75 per cent of crude fat and 28.43 per cent of crude protein; of the dry matter of corn meal—crude fat 3.18 and crude protein 10.82. The difference is marked and is strong evidence in favor of the Buffalo preparation as being a very superior feed. The Buffalo gluten feed is sold by Messrs. Gristock and Vandervliet, of this place.

THE TERRIBLE ACT OF AN INSANE EDUCATOR.

Professor S. C. Shortridge, Principal of the Media Academy, for Boys, while in a fit of insanity induced by illness and financial embarrassment shot and instantly killed his young wife, Sunday, while promenadeing one of the principal streets of this city. The Professor is about 60 years old, while the deceased, his second wife, was quite young and only became his wife two months ago. Sad tragedy, indeed. The Professor is about to be removed to the Hospital for the Insane at Norristown. What a pity that he was not placed in an asylum before the terrible deed was committed.

SORROW IN THE MIDST OF JOY.

Mrs. Amos E. Reifsnider, residing with her husband about one mile from Monocacy station, while in the act of displaying a nice turkey to her daughter and grandchildren, which she had gotten ready for their Christmas dinner, was stricken with a paralytic stroke, and is still in a critical condition. Her daughter and family had just arrived to spend the holidays with her, and they had just exchanged greetings and presents. Mrs. Reifsnider appearing in the best of spirits, when she proceeded to the refrigerator to show them the turkey, and in doing so reeled over and was caught before falling to the floor.—*Pottstown Ledger.*

Correspondence.

GRANDMOTHER HUNSIKOR.

Mr. Editor:—The many relations and friends of Grandmother Hunsikor will be glad to learn that there is a gradual recovery from her late attack of "grip" and pneumonia. Though in her 96th year, her wonderful vitality and uniform temperate habits all through life serve her well in battling with the encroachments of disease. She was born in 1798, now nearly a century ago. General Washington was then still living. She was married young in 1816, and is the mother of ten children—five sons and five daughters, 51 grand-children, 70 great-grand-children and 17 great-great-grand-children. Her oldest daughter is almost 77 years old, her second daughter is 72. The combined ages of mother and her eight surviving children is 597 years. She was born in Lower Salford township, Montgomery county, Pa. Her father was Benjamin Alderfer, a thrifty and industrious farmer. Her mother (Elizabeth) was the daughter of Michael Shoemaker of Franconia township, Montgomery county, who died in her 77th year. The writer remembers hearing him relate about catching shad in the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek in his boyhood, away back in 1745 to 1750.

Collegeville, Pa., Jan. 1, 1894.

SPRING ELECTION BALLOTS.

The Norristown Herald presents the following timely and important advice: "The new election law in imposing upon the County Commissioners the responsibility for the accurate printing and distributing of the ballots for the February election, delegates to them a task which could just as well have been left to township and borough authorities. It is no easy matter to ascertain who are the nominees of each political party in more than a hundred separate election districts, to have printed accurately as many sets of ballots, and to distribute them in time to the officers of election in each district. The work should have been left to the local authorities, and it would have been just as well to allow each district to pay the expense of ballot printing.

As the law stands, however, it must be obeyed, and it should be the aim of all concerned to facilitate in every possible way the proper performance of the task. In the first place it is important that primary meetings and party conventions should be held at an early date. The last week in January is late enough for the placing of all candidates in nomination. The earlier the better in such cases, and it is a serious mistake to postpone the nominations until the last day allowed by law—which falls in the case of townships on February 2, and of boroughs on February 5th.

The officers of primary meetings and township and borough conventions have an important duty to perform. The proper certifying of the nominations made should be attended to with great care and promptness. Delays are always dangerous in the fulfillment of such duties; they are doubly so under these circumstances. If each person who has a duty in this connection shall give it proper attention, there need be no difficulty in carrying out the law, unnecessarily burdensome and complicated as are some of its provisions.

All Free.

Those who have read Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a bottle, free. Send your name and address to H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills free, as well as a copy of the Hope of Cures for all household ills. If not satisfied with it, you get it, we will refund the stamps and let you keep the book. Address, H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., Chicago, Ill.

A FAILURE AT NORRISTOWN.

Jacob G. Landis, a prominent business man of Norristown, dealer in flour and feed, &c., made an assignment last week. Mr. Landis appointed N. H. Larzelere, Esq., as his assignee. The assignment was made necessary by Mr. Landis' inability to make collections. His liabilities are about \$20,000, and Mr. Larzelere, the assignee, says that the assets are more than sufficient to meet the obligations, providing fair prices can be realized on them. Judgments have been entered as follows: N. H. Larzelere, \$1061.72; Elizabeth Landis, mother of the proprietor, \$1550; Kate Aschenfelder, \$1300; several banks, to cover notes, etc., \$5395.

AN UPROAR.

About nine o'clock last Saturday evening there was quite an uproar near Geesleville. It appears that a family residing in that vicinity was aroused by some one prowling about the place. The farmer and the student armed themselves with a double barreled shot gun and a lantern and went in pursuit of the villain. It appears that the latter quickly disappeared and the pursuers took to what afterwards proved to be the trail of a con, and getting somewhat bewildered found themselves at a county store, where it is not to be presumed that any of the very wicked intentions would be lurking about waiting to be captured. The supposed villain was not to be found, and the student (also a pugilist) and the farmer retraced their steps homeward.

AMONG THE SICK.

Harry Saylor, of Trappe, is still confined within doors on account of the grippe.

Mrs. A. D. Wagner, of Trappe, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Daniel Fenstermacher, sexton of Trinity church, this place, has been confined to his room for the past two weeks. His illness is due to the grippe and rheumatism.

We are informed that a great many persons throughout Upper Providence and adjacent townships are more or less seriously indisposed, and the physicians are kept very busy responding to the numerous calls. In most instances the sickness is the result of an attack of the grippe. In cases where the disease has not been promptly met with proper care and medical attention the usual aggravated conditions are present. No one can afford to trifle with "a bad cold" at any time, and particularly now.

QUOTING SCRIPTURE.

The editor of the *Souderton Independent* is still going for County Chairman Kane hammer-and-tongues over the adjustment of the postmaster's contest in Souderton, which is not to Editor Goettler's liking. When a *Times* reporter asked Mr. Kane what he had to say in answer to the attacks, he replied, "My answer is the fourth verse of the twenty-sixth chapter of Proverbs." Beyond this Chairman Kane declined to be quoted.—*Norristown Times.*

The proverb which is directed to the attention of Editor Goettler reads: "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him." A very good proverb, and yet it is somewhat difficult of accurate application. For instance, Captain Kane feels sure that Brother Goettler is a fool and Brother Goettler is convinced that Captain Kane is both a fool and an ingrate—manifesting aggravated symptoms of "swelled head." Thus the situation passes from the simple to complex, with a number of districts to hear from, and the proverb either applies to both Editor and Captain, or it hardly applies at all. Perhaps Editor Reifsnider knows all about it.

REMARKABLE FAMILY LONGEVITY.

A FAMILY OF TEN CHILDREN WHOSE COMBINED AGES AGGREGATE 702 YEARS.

The entire surviving family of the late John Gotwals of this township, consisting of four brothers and six sisters, of the latter five are widows. Their names and ages are as follows: Rev. Abraham Gotwals, of Greenboro, Md., 78 years, 8 months; Mrs. Catharine Katz, of Lower Providence, 76 years, 9 months; Mrs. Joseph Brunner, of Mont Clare, 74 years, 10 months; Mrs. Frances Detwiler, of York county, Pa., 73 years, 4 months; Rev. Jacob Gotwals, of Oaks, 71 years, 4 months; Mrs. Anna Sindlinger, of Norristown, 69 years, 11 months; Mrs. Sarah Cassel of Abilene, Kansas, 67 years, 9 months; Mrs. Mary Place, of Mont Clare, 65 years, 11 months; John Z. Gotwals, of Highlands, N. C., 63 years, 4 months; Samuel Gotwals, of Cleveland, Ohio, 61 years, 4 months. Aggregate ages, 702 years. Is there another entire family of brothers and sisters to be found that will equal in number and longevity the one cited above? We wonder and we doubt.

COURT HOUSE AFFAIRS.

The Commissioners met Monday and organized for the ensuing year, as follows: President, S. K. Anders, Solicitor, Henry R. Brown; Clerk, Edward Elsenhans; Transcribers, D. H. Hittner, Norristown; Daniel Stewart, Conshohocken; Richard Souerski, Pottsville; Janitor, D. H. Charles; Samuel Innes, day watchman and Richard Megay night watchman at Dekalb street bridge.

The following is a statement of the county finances at the close of 1893: The total number of orders granted was \$156,221.41 as follows: Miscellaneous, \$6,636.13, courts, jurors' pay, etc., \$18,941.86, court house \$3,406.98, road damages, \$14,927.70, county bridges, \$31,313.85, Commissioners' office \$4,543.92, Justice of the Peace \$473.46, prison appropriation \$9000, books and stationery \$1817.32, Prison and Penitentiary \$2142.92, Coroner's inquests \$1,378.89, printing \$2940.66, Assessors \$1,820.05, elections \$15,983.55, Hospital for the Insane \$17,840.38. The receipts were \$321,706.38. The entire expenditures were \$266,638.59, leaving a balance of \$55,067.79.

The tax rate for the year 1894 was fixed at two per cent.

Don't Take a Spit or Smoke Your Life Away.

Is the truthful, startling title of a little book that tells all about No-to-be, the wonderful, harmless Guaranteed tobacco cure. The cost is trifling and the man who wants to quit and can't run no physical or financial risk in using "No-to-be," sold by all druggists. Book at Drug Store or by mail free. Address: The Sterling Remedy Co., Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

Alms House Affairs.

THE INS AND THE OUTS.—UPPER PROVIDENCE NOT IN THE SUBORDINATE MANAGEMENT VERY EXTENSIVELY.—EVERYBODY NOT PLEASED, THE BIG DINNER NOTWITHSTANDING.—DIRECTOR BERGEY STUDIES ECONOMY HARD, BY LAMPGLIGHT, AND EVOLVES A BIG SCHEME.

The unusually large attendance of politicians and other people at the Alms House, Monday, indicated an event of more than ordinary importance, and everybody seemed to be interested in some other bodies. During the forenoon the candidates for Steward, like the applicants for other positions, were anxiously awaiting interesting information from the Directors' room. Perhaps the coolest and most undisturbed, mentally, of the candidates was Mr. Harry Johnson, of Limerick. Of course his placidity may have been due to some underground information of a decidedly unfavorable character. An old ex-Steward in the person of Adam Saylor, of Pottsgrove, winked and blinked as he anticipated the name of the winner in the Stewardship contest, and appeared to know which way the wind was blowing a hard gale. The ex-Sheriff and ex-Treasurer, Mr. Stahlnecker, of Norristown, ate a light breakfast before leaving the Hub early in the morning and was in splendid trim to whirl political balls and make home-ruled Mr. Wm. Todd, the well-known contractor, also of Norristown, and formerly of this township, listened to the ex-Treasurer for awhile and then wondered to himself, "where's Morey, the father, and Morey the son, and Naile, Ruth, Wile, Shuler, Fields, Righter, Froufied, et al., and a gentle zephyr whispered "some dead, and some missing." Such is life, and such is politics, thought our good friend Todd, while the ex-Treasurer, having made his last home-run for the day, was ready for dinner. Some one enquired for Brother Dambly and received the information that the scribe and politician of Skippack had gone to Philadelphia; perhaps, we thought, to get a bigger hat for Mr. Bergey. I. Heston Todd, of Port Kennedy, the man who won spurs as a successful Democratic candidate in the last election, a gentleman of military bearing, was also within the big walls, and he got an eye occasionally on Captain Kane. There being no post office aspirants present, no clash of interests or of rights was imminent. Then again the little Captain was busy at his desk.

The old Board finished up the business left over from Thursday previous and Henderson Supplee retired from office after having fully proved himself one of the best Directors of the Poor this county has ever had. The new Board, composed of Messrs. Bergey, Shepley and Eppelheimer, organized by electing Mr. Bergey President. After dinner the Board promptly elected the following officers of the institution for the ensuing year: Steward and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Abram D. Alderfer, of Pottstown; Clerk and Solicitor, E. E. Long, Esq., of Norristown; Physicians, Dr. J. W. Royer, of Trappe, and Dr. M. J. Weber, of Lower Providence; Engineer, John A. Dambly, of Norristown; Farmer, Owen B. Moyer, of Royersford; Assistant, Farm, Jacob E. Kutz, of Royersford; Watchman, Milton Delp, of Franconia; Shoemaker, Jerry Kolt; Tailor, Frank Geigenhauser; Seamstress, Rosa Hendricks; Women's Nurse, Miss Mallory; Baker, Jacob Heffner. We have to say that the officials thus elected are, so far as we know, worthy and competent to discharge the duties that will be required of them. Whether one of the Directors fulfilled his obligation to the street, Tell it, yell it, to every one you meet, Ring it on the changes, sing it on the street; Call it, sneeze it, which ever suits you best, But go tell it to Duffy, then give us a rest.

Buffalo, Pawnee, McKinley, Silver and Wilson Bill. Why its a wonder we are alive, and yet Wilson was lucky enough to get a Wad.

The Gophers from Pottstown paid us a visit last week. "Look a little owt the guge" might tell you something. Don't it."

By way of retrenchment the Penny has laid off many of its employees, Harry Cram among the number. Drumbeller has the Phoenixville section.

Ike Dettra says times are slow, but if there had been a little more snow he would have helped to make them brisk.

The storm Saturday night spoiled the fun of the masqueraders.

The Perkiomen Brick Company will make extensive improvements.

Lively Saratoga chips, Charlie and Nelmore (come from the school ship Saratoga) for the holidays.

Do not make a mistake and write '93 instead of '94.

At the Christmas tree at St. Paul's Memorial Sunday school, Will Dobson, of Phoenixville, on behalf of the scholars and teachers, presented Mrs. Gumbes with a very handsome easy chair. Mr. Dobson made a very appropriate speech, while the rector replied, returning thanks of Mrs. Gumbes for the very acceptable present.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. THE BEST SALVE IN THE WORLD FOR Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Fetter, Chapped Hands, Chomel, Itch, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pain required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCHWENKSVILLE, AT SCHWENKSVILLE, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31, 1893.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$248,507 99
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
U. S. bonds to secure deposits	2,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	75,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	76,800 00
Real estate, furniture, etc.	2,500 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	7,251 57
Due from State Banks and bankers	8,943 43
Due from other depositories	16,250 00
Checks and other cash items	229 00
Notes of other National Banks	900 00
Fractional paper currency	417 93
Legal tender notes	10,067 74
Specie	3,000 00
Reimbursement fund with U. S. Treasurer	19,751 75
Percent of circulation	1,125 00
Total	\$413,150 41
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000 00
Surplus fund	73,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,500 00
National Bank notes outstanding	21,750 00
Due to other National Banks	1,875 00
Dividends unpaid	1,875 00
Unpaid deposits subject to check	20,588 10
Total	\$413,150 41

State of Pennsylvania County of Schuylkill, ss.
I, John C. Fisher, Cashier of the above named bank, do hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and affirmed before me this 29th day of December, 1893.
J. W. CULBERT, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
BENJ. ALDERFER, GEORGE ALDERFER, Directors.

PUBLIC SALE OF

IOWA HORSES!

We will sell, by order of H. E. McCollum, 25 IOWA HORSES at public sale at the Valley House, Skippack, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1894. Among the lot are a pair of fine, well bred and sound. Will take low prices in exchange for their actual worth. Sale at 1 o'clock, p. m. Conditions by ROSENBERY & SON.

PUBLIC SALE OF

FRESH COWS!

Will be sold at public sale, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1894, at Swartley's Fairview Village Hotel, one car load of fresh cows from the Cumberland Valley. They are a lot of fair sized cows and big milkers. Fat cows and bolognas taken in exchange. Sale at 9 o'clock. Conditions by ROSENBERY & SON.
MILTON SWARTLEY, Auctioneer.
J. G. Fetterolf, Auct. John R. Welke, clerk.

FOR RENT!

A farm of 43 acres in Lower Providence Township. Apply to ROSENBERY & SON, Lower Providence P. O., Pa.

FOR SALE.

A House and Lot, in Trappe; a variety of fruit on the premises. Apply to ADAM GRAF.

FOR SALE!

Chestnut posts, in lots to suit purchasers; also cordwood, by the cord. Apply to JOHN SHIRLEY, near Arcola.

FOR SALE.

A desirable farm of 60 acres, situate in Lower Providence, between the two pikes, the land extending to Skippack creek. New and commodious house and barn; all the outbuildings built within five years. A blacksmith shop and wheelwright shop on the premises. Ample supply of fruit. I will sell or trade. Apply to the undersigned, residing on premises.
O. Y. KUGLER, Lower Providence.

NOTICE.

Assigned estate of Milton V. Detwiler and wife, of the township of Upper Providence, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them without delay in proper order for settlement to J. WARREN ROSENBERY, Assignee, Yerkes P. O., Montg. Co., Pa.
Or to his attorney, HENRY M. BROWNBACK, 28d Oct.

ESTATE NOTICE.

RAILROADS.	
PERKIOMEN RAILROAD.	
Passenger trains leave Collegeville Station as follows:	
FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.	
Milk.....	6.53 a. m.
Accommodation.....	8.02 a. m.
Market.....	12.56 p. m.
Accommodation.....	4.00 p. m.
FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.	
Mail.....	8.02 a. m.
Accommodation.....	9.00 a. m.
Market.....	9.30 p. m.
Accommodation.....	5.46 p. m.
SUNDAYS—SOUTH.	
Milk.....	7.12 a. m.
Accommodation.....	8.13 p. m.
NORTH.	
Accommodation.....	9.43 a. m.
Milk.....	4.15 p. m.
PHILADELPHIA AND READING R. R.	
SHORT AND DIRECT ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, NEW ENGLAND, THE SOUTH AND WEST.	
On and after Nov. 19, 1893,	
TRAINS LEAVE COLLEGEVILLE	
(Via Perkiomen R. R., connecting at Perkiomen Junction) as follows:	
FOR PHILADELPHIA—week days, 6.27, 8.02, a. m., 12.56, 4.11, p. m. Sundays, 6.36, a. m., 4.30, p. m.	
FOR NEW YORK—week days, 6.27, 8.02, a. m., 12.56, 4.11, p. m. Sunday, 6.36, a. m., 4.30 p. m.	
FOR PHOENIXVILLE, POTTSTOWN AND READING—week days, 8.02, a. m., 12.56, 4.11, p. m. Sundays, 6.36, a. m., 4.30 p. m.	
Trains for Baltimore, Washington, the South and West, via B. & O. R. R., leave Market and 12th Street Station, (P. & R. R. R.), at 5.45, 7.55, 11.35, a. m., 3.58, 5.47, 7.23, 8.35, p. m.	
ATLANTIC CITY DIVISION.	
Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street Wharf and South Street Wharf.	
FOR ATLANTIC CITY.	
Weekdays—Express, 9.00 a. m., 4.00, 5.00 p. m. Accommodation, 8.00 a. m., 5.45 p. m. Sundays—Express, 9.00, 10.00 a. m. Accommodation, 8.00 a. m., and 4.30 p. m.	
RETURNING, LEAVE ATLANTIC CITY	
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WINTER CARE OF DAIRY COWS.

Kindness is worth dollars in the dairy. The man who shows kindness to his stock will be a great many dollars better off than one who is harsh and rough with the cows, or even indifferent. This is not sentiment, but a practical fact, and the writer has seen it exemplified in dairy work many times over. Dairymen who conduct their business on a broad and thorough basis, raise their own heifers, from calves bred on their own farms. During the winter season, many of these heifers are approaching maternity for the first time. They will soon become new milk-cows, and it means a great deal to the owner whether they will become profitable property to him or not. Now kindness exercised toward these gentle dumb brutes will have a great influence in making them profitable the following summer and for succeeding summers. This is written from the standpoint of experience in this matter, and not theory. It is one thing to give a cow only a warm stable and plenty to eat and another and very important matter to cultivate the good will by kind attention. Cows like to be curried, and will stop feeding any time so enjoy the agreeable sensation of a currycomb or card on their backs. An ordinary ox card is excellent to use for this purpose and any one can soon make friends with a shy cow by using it gently on her back and flanks. A daily currying is a means, also, of keeping the cows in good health, besides adding to their sleek appearance.

A truly profitable cow must be a gentle cow, and the time to keep her so is when she is a calf or heifer. A cow will soon put confidence in a man who speaks to her gently, and pats her side or head in passing. Some dairymen tell a great deal about "breaking in" a heifer to milk, but the man who is already on good terms with his heifer knows no such ordeal. He has petted and caressed the creature daily in the stable, when feeding and caring for her, and when he sits down to milk her for the first time, she looks meekly around and submits as a matter of course. The winter time offers an opportunity for the dairyman to get thoroughly acquainted with his cows, study their characteristics, and bring out their good points. It really costs less labor, money and time to keep a cow stable in good condition from December to May than to let it go as a mere dirty cattle shed. By the latter is meant the long basement found under many a hay barn, with dilapidated wooden doors at either end, the cows standing or partly lying in the frozen litter of a day's accumulation. It is of no avail to pet a cow in such a place. The kindness would first consist in making the apartments tight and warm, cleaning out the stable daily, and bedding down the animals. This is not expensive treatment in the matter of time, labor or money. Care and kindness are the two great things that go to make up the successful treatment of dairy stock at any time of the year, and in northern latitudes especially in winter.

Besides having pleasant relations established between these young animals and those who care for them, they should undergo training preparatory to their future milk giving. Those who care for them should handle their tests in imitation of the real milking that they must soon learn to submit to. This will do away with that so-called "breaking-in-to-milk" period, which is a trying ordeal to those dairymen with shy, wild heifers. Not only is it a matter of convenience at the start, but a quiet beginning in milking a heifer, followed by continued mild treatment means absence of trouble through future milkings. Animals cannot reason, but they are all amenable to kindness, and those dairymen who display this trait in the handling of their cows will receive the greatest pecuniary reward with the profitable milk and butter.—American Agriculturist.

THE USELESSNESS OF WORRY.

If every business man would keep free of worry there would be fewer early retirements from business either by death or as a result of broken health. Worry is the great destroyer of mankind, and experience shows that in a large majority of instances it is unnecessary.

There is the man who worries about the payment that is to fall due in two months. The money is not in hand and he spends the entire month worrying lest there will be failure in the securing of it, only to find at the expiration of the two months the money is on hand, and the payment is made without the least friction. The man has simply undergone a large amount of useless wear in two months. The physical system cannot stand such strains.

There is the man who begins to worry at the beginning of the year over the profits of the year's business. He is afraid he will not make anything on the year's business, and so he wears himself out by degrees, only to find at the close of the year that he has made a very comfortable showing.

There is the man who worries for weeks over a debt that he has allowed to be made. The man cannot pay him. But he does, and so the worry was only wear pure and simple. A good credit system would do away with much of the opportunity for worry.

Then there is the man who worries lest this or that will happen. And it seldom happens. Then a man worries

over the mistakes of the past. He might as well worry over the fact that he cannot read Hebrew or Latin. The error cannot be remedied. The most that can be done is to profit by the experience and not make the same error again. There are a good many people who need to start out on a new platform in this regard. They are slowly wearing out under the strain of worry. It will require some practice and discipline to break the habit of worry, but it can be done. Try it.

EXPERIMENTS WITH LAYING HENS.

Belief in the necessity of keeping a male bird with laying hens is still quite common. In order to settle this point a series of experiments was undertaken by the Geneva (N. Y.) Station. The trial was made with four pens, two of which contained cockerels, while the other two were without any. The result showed that a pair of pullets kept without a male produced eggs at about thirty per cent. less cost than an exactly similar pen with which a cockerel was kept.

Another pen without a male gave during the first three months about the same proportionate excess of product over an exactly similar pen with which a cockerel was kept. After the development of the feather-eating habit the egg product diminished, but during eight months the total egg yield for each pen were very nearly alike.

In each of the two pens without male birds some pullets had begun to lay from one to two months earlier than any in the corresponding pens in which male birds were kept.

While "feather-eating" usually appears after feeding for any length of time an unvaried ration deficient in some constituents, more especially nitrogenous matter, the habit has developed from idleness or some unknown cause among fowls having a ration which gave satisfactory results with other similar pens of fowls fed at the same time.

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